Philadelphia, January 13, 1922.

Where's Our Merchant Marine? the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-The shipping business, as we il know, has been at a standstill for a very long period and especially so with reference to the ships under the American flag, which has caused thousands of good, competent men to be out

During the war we all rendered faithful service in various capacities so that the ships that America built could be manned right, and kept in operation. We have hoped that the time had surely rrived when we would see our great fleet back on the seas once more. foreign competition has sent our mer-ment men hard aport, lying there tied pp side by side, costing the Government ousands of dollars daily to keep them condition.

Foreigners crowd our ships and ores, and push our American seamen t. They ship over here on foreign out. They ship over here on foreign ressels. When they reach our ports, they jump ship, and go out on one of our beats. The foreign ships can carry our American goods at a lower rate because they don't pay as much to their men as we do, so their expenses are not so large, but how can we do that? When you go abroad one of our ships, you will find from 50 to 60 per cent of the men are foreigners, per cent of the men are foreigners, and all mixed up. They cannot understand each other's system of working, and the Government is paying for all off this.

Something should be adopted by congress which would prevent foreign to from working on our ships, or limit he number of British ships coming ato our ports, and if any disagreement would follow, bar them entirely. It wouldn't look very good, but we've got o save ourselves. Probably they would hen bar us, too, but then we wouldn't

Something must be done or surely america will go under, so far as the erchant marine is concerned. Many merican sailors are hungry right of the port of Philadelphia, with the berths or anything of any account, out go down along the wharves and see many foreigners there are on our

Every time you pick up a paper and pok at the clearance and arrivals of hips in American ports, all you see is, rrived: SS-Br; SS-Br. Cleared -Br; SS-Br." and you see score I vessels tied up today at Hog Island ecause of lack of shipping and no reight, but it's the foreigner doing it. Let's wake up and haul our lines ship, and give us a chance on the even seas, and adopt the s'ogan again a during the war, "America First." I hope I haven't taken up too much f your va'uab'e space, but I couldn't elp it. I think there are millions of rue Americans, like myself, whose Americans, like myself, whose earts ache to take a glance at our hips, who look like creatures of the eep eager to have the freedom of the n Sens, and travel once more, JUST AN A. B. SEAMAN. Philadelphia, January 20, 1922.

Is Uncle Bim Saved?

Diplomatic Andy the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

I always felt that Andy Gump a diplomat, and now I know he is a the way he handles Uncle Bim to-He encourages uncle to try to the widow, but by a different

the retirement age. Discriminating as to age should be stopped by law, as age in one thing beyond our control, in a truthful sense. Let a person's physical ability be the accepted standard.

ROANO.

Philadelphia, January 12, 1922.

Pleased With Editorial

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I thank you for your editorial.

"Our Forgotten Soldiers." It was well

written and powerful. It is a wonderful thing for us to know that we have

Muscle Shoals

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Will you please publish in your People's Forum how "Muscle Shoals" derived its name? I think a little article on that subject would be very interesting reading.

H. W. L.

Philadelphia, January 19, 1922.

Muscle Shoals, in the Tennessee Biver, hear Florence, Ala., was, before the Gov. perment decided during the World's War to develop the water power there for the name ufacture of nitrates, of only local interest— as point in the river where the water was shallow and the fail considerable, to which, the cause of the presence of a great many muscles or fresh-water claims, the residents had given the name of Muscle Shoals, in fired, consequently it is possible to limit had given the name of Muscle Shoals. But the name is improperly spelled Muscle Shoals instead of Mussel Shoals. But the name of its fresh water claims, the residents the name is improperly spelled Muscle Shoals instead of Mussel Shoals. But the name of the fresh-water claims, the residents the name is improperly spelled Muscle Shoals instead of Mussel Shoals. But the name of the fresh-water claims the residents the name of the fresh-water claims, the residents of the stresh-water claims, the residents of the fresh-water claims. The residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims. The residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims. The residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims. The residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims. The residents of the fresh-water claims the residents of the fresh-water claims. The resi

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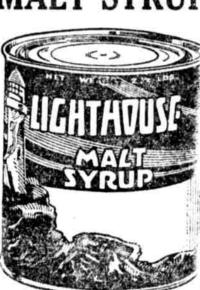
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